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Frontier Fiesta Association

FY 2023 One-Time Requests

FY 2023 One Time Request #1 – Pre-Fabricated Front Construction

The Frontier Fiesta Association respectfully requests \$113,637.30 to have pre-fabricated fronts constructed to replace the aging fronts currently being used. The fronts currently being used are stored in pieces, transported to campus during build week, and constructed on site by the board, staff, and volunteers over a two week period. The way the fronts are stored, transported, and constructed requires them to be repaired and painted on a yearly basis. This process adds cost and time needed to prepare the fronts for Frontier Fiesta each year. In addition, preparing these fronts, transporting, constructing, lifting, and painting them takes more than a week and is a very strenuous, physical task that requires many volunteers from students to alumni to staff. The bulk of this work falls to the Frontier Fiesta Association, who is on site throughout the entirety of their Spring Break, and when they do not have class the week leading up to the event. Although volunteers are an enormous help when they are there, the physical labor of 14-16 hour days for almost two weeks is exhausting for student leaders and adds a level of risk to the build week process as well. It is our hope that this request will not only come with significant cost savings, but also lighten the load on the Frontier Fiesta Association, university staff and student volunteers donating their time, and allow students to focus more on creating engaging and memorable experiences at Frontier Fiesta rather than going into the event already exhausted. With SFAC’s assistance, FFA will be able to have six new pre-fabricated fronts built, which are estimated to last at least ten to twelve years as opposed to the current fronts which only last four to five years, further adding to the cost savings. Additionally, having these fronts transported and installed by professionals will increase on-site safety, lower maintenance costs, and reduce stress on student staff and volunteers. Use of these fronts and a professional crew will also decrease build time, shortening the length of time that Frontier Fiesta will be renting the on campus parking lot, which will lower costs and the impact to student parking.

The breakdown for the one time Pre-Fabricated Front Construction and Build – Out funds is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Willie Burns – 50’ Front	\$17,812.50
City Hall – 60’ Front	\$21,375.00
Dr. Walker’s Provisions – 40’ Front	\$14,250.00
Lisa Sachs Hall – 30’ Front	\$10,687.50
Dr. Tina’s First Aid – 20’ Front	\$7,125.00
Bank – 40’ Front	\$14,250.00
Labor & Delivery	\$21,705.00
Subtotal	\$107,205.00
Admin Fee	\$6,432.30
Total Request	\$113,637.30

Frontier Fiesta is a unique campus tradition across our future peer institutions of the Big 12 Conference. This request will help Frontier Fiesta continue to be a proud campus tradition that students, faculty, staff, and alumni all look forward to each year while improving safety, overall lowering costs, and creating a better experience for all. Our mission is to provide a unique Cougar experience for the entirety of the University of Houston family and Houston community, and these funds will help the Frontier Fiesta Association to do so. We believe that experiences like Frontier Fiesta are vital to students as they provide space for student connection, increase levels of institutional pride, create long lasting connections to fellow students and the institutions, and are shown to have a positive impact on student retention and success. The Frontier Fiesta Association would greatly appreciate this request for the 2023 event.